settlement of disputed claims and early payment of outstanding dues to the Government of Gujarat.

Seminar on Brahmputra as a Water Way

1962. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the deliberations of a seminar held by the Institute of Engineers, Assam Centre on the 28th August, 1992 on Brahmaputra as waterway to develop North East Region; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) and (b) The seminar participated by State and Central Government departments emphasised utilisation of Brahmaputra river as waterway for navigation and socio-economic benefit of the north-eastern region. The Central Government has prepared a Master Plan for navigation in the Sadiya-Dhubri stretch of Brahmaputra river. A provision of Rs. 17.50 crores is envisaged in the 8th Five Year Plan.

Reconsideration of proposed Dam across the Kali River

@1963. SHRI RAM NARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider its decision for the proposed dam across the Kali river near Pancheswar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) and (b) India and Nepal have discussed the dam across the Kali river near Pancheshwar in October, 1992, and agreed on a time frame for expediting investigations and preparation of project report.

@Previously Unstarred Question 237, transferred from 25-11-1992.

Sharing of Rihand Water

1964. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a controversy over sharing of Rihand Water between Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have prepared any detailed programme to diffuse the crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) to (c) Rihand dam was constructed by Uttar Pradesh Government for power generation in 1962. Subsequently, in September 1973 an agreement was entered into between the Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh on Rihand. Through this agreement Government of Bihar requested for storage of 0.3 Million Acre Feet in Rihand reservoir for additional waters for irrigation under Sone barrage in the month of October. It was also decided therein that the two State Governments will draw detailed recommendations including financial aspects, for consideration by the Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Also in the High Level Committee meeting of 1976, it was agreed that a Joint Operation Committee consisting of representatives of Central Water Commission, Central Electricity Authority, Irrigation Department of Bihar and State Electricity Board of Uttar Pradesh may be constituted. The Government has recently constituted the Joint Operation Committee for Rihand reservoir on 30th October, 1992 to formulate guidelines for operation of Rihand reservoir after assessing the water availability in Rihand reservoir. Irrigation requirements in Bihar and power to be generated, with a view to meet the requirements of both the States.

इंदिरा गांधी नहर परियोजना

1965. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी** : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंदिरा गांधी नहर परियोजना को पूरा करने के लिए विश्व बैंक तथा